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Colonel Sam Dotson, Chief of Police St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department 1915 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63103

RE:

Follow-up of the City Marshal's Office -Process Review Report Issued

July 10, 2013 (Project #2013-P11)

Dear Chief Dotson:

The Internal Audit Section has conducted a limited follow-up review on the City Marshal's Office -Process Review Report issued July 10, 2013. This follow-up review was made under authorization contained in Article XV, Section 2 of the City of St. Louis Charter, as revised, and conducted in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*.

A limited follow-up review does not necessarily involve detailed testing or verification, instead relies on communication with City Marshal's Office management and staff, as well as limited observations. The purpose of this follow-up was to determine the status of the observations made in the report issued July 10, 2013.

We determined the following observations have not been resolved:

- 1. Opportunity to Improve Internal Controls Over Seized Contrabands (drugs and weapons)-Internal Audit was not provided documentation to verify that the City Marshal's Office implemented written policies that were posted and added to the overall policy manual for weapons and drugs.
- 2. Opportunity to Improve Internal Controls Over Returned Uniforms-Internal Audit was not provided documentation that the City Marshal's Office performed a physical inventory and developed a detailed spreadsheet that registers all uniforms and equipment and that the sheet has the items listed along with the date and time of issuance as well as the items returned; and that the spreadsheet has been updated.

Please contact the Internal Audit Section at (314) 657-3490 if there are any questions.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ishmael Ikpeama Internal Audit Supervisor cc: Sgt. Michael Frederick, City St. Louis Metropolitan Police-City Marshal's Division Mary Ellen Ponder, Chief of Staff to the Mayor Todd Waelterman, Director of Operations, Mayor's Office